

House Resolution No. 4041

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens, particularly its educators; and

Whereas, the members now pause to recognize Loretta Hughes, who is retiring from Liberty Public Schools after forty-two years in the teaching profession; and

Whereas, Loretta Hughes began her teaching career in the fall of 1965 in Platte City, where she taught the sixth grade, and during her thirty-nine-year tenure at Liberty Schools, she has taught at Manor Hill, Ridgeview, Alexander Doniphan, Franklin, and Warren Hills schools as a part of Liberty's Elementary Special Services; and

Whereas, born in St. Louis, Loretta Hughes earned her bachelor of arts degree from William Jewell College and her master of science in education from Central Missouri State University; and

Whereas, one of Loretta Hughes's favorite memories touches on her first year of teaching when, unknown to her, a room-mother requested each sixth-grade student in her class for bring twenty-five cents for the teacher's Christmas present, and at the class party, the children surprised her with a sugar spoon in her sterling-silver pattern, a gesture which moved her to tears until a boy asked if the spoon was what the twenty-five cents was for, with profound disappointment that no better present was chosen, to which she explained what a lovely and special gift the sugar spoon in fact was, and to this day, she treasures the spoon; and

Whereas, Loretta Hughes's special interests include scrap-booking, traveling, genealogy, bicycling vacations, and listening to Christian music; and

Whereas, Loretta Hughes plans to spend her richly deserved time tracing her genealogy to Ireland; returning to China with her husband to teach English; travel on church mission trips; and volunteer at Liberty Hospital and "In As Much Ministries"; and

Whereas, Loretta Hughes will be given a special reception in honor of her retirement which will be attended by her husband, Charlie; her daughter, Lisa Dillon; her granddaughters, Kimberly and Shaelyn; and dear friend Carole Rogers:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our best regards and good wishes to Loretta Hughes on the auspicious occasion of her retirement from the teaching profession, with all our gratitude for the years of service so generously given; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Loretta Hughes.

Offered by _____
Representative Tim Flook
District No. 34

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 4041, adopted June 13, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker